

Minutes
Parks, Recreation, Golf & Double Butte Cemetery Board
September 17, 2014
Tempe Public Library Building, 3500 S Rural Road

Members Present:

Sharon Doyle – Chair
Fred Wood – Vice Chair
Judy Aldrich
Tiffany Anderson
Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn
Linda Cole
Maureen DeCindis
Mary Ann Dillon
Don Watkins

Members Absent:

John Vack
Mary Larsen

City Staff Present:

Oliver Ncube - Parks Manager Field Operations
Kelly Rafferty - Deputy Community Services Director-Recreation
Julie Hietter - Public Works Administrative Manager
John Osgood - Deputy Public Works Director – Field Operations
Shelley Hearn - Community Services Director
David Bucher - Recreation Manager
Karen Horner - Sr. Recreation Coordinator
Nancy Ryan - Project Management Coordinator

Guests:

B.G. Jones – Former McClintock High School Teacher

Call to Order at 6:07 pm

Consideration of Meeting Minutes- October 17, 2012 and July 16, 2014

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Sharon Doyle
Second: Don Watkins
Motion Passes

Public Appearances

This Board welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Board may only discuss matters listed on its agenda. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Board. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

Character Areas Updates

Nancy Ryan, Community Development -Project Management Coordinator, presented information regarding Character Area updates. Discussion highlights include:

- Character areas contain common elements within the segments of the neighborhoods in our city. There are eight character areas identified within the City of Tempe. The first two character area plans are being developed for Kiwanis/The Lakes and Corona / South Tempe. Council has identified that two character areas be developed per year in order to complete the entire city in four years.
- The purpose for creating a Character Area Plan is to consider the desires and those aspects that distinguish the community. The character area plan will be utilized by residents, businesses, developers, realtors, Council, and in evaluating capital improvements projects. When a new development is being proposed within the character area, information can be shared as design guidance with the Developer Review Commission. Residents developed and voted on the materials that are included in the character area plan. All material discussed can be found at www.tempe.gov/characterareas.
- This year-long process started in January 2014. There will be an additional meeting in October to present a draft plan to the Community and to address comments. The final plan will be distributed in December. The attendance has been exceptional with about 60-80 people attending each meeting. Also, 25-60% of the people at each meeting have been new attendants.

Naming Request- Tempe Beach Park World Map

- B.G. Jones presented information regarding his naming request for the Tempe Beach Park World Map. In 1988, 39 students constructed Tempe Beach Park World Map. In 1990, this map landed McClintock High School and Tempe in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest world map. A tribute is being proposed by B.G. Jones to honor those who participated in this achievement. B.G. Jones is requesting approval to install a tribute sign by the ramada at the Tempe Beach Park. The approximate size would be about 36 x 24 inches. B.G. Jones states that he will provide the funding for this request.
- B.G. Jones stated that he has not approached the Tempe Union High School District about recognizing this achievement at the McClintock High School campus. Board members want this request presented to the Tempe Union High School Board to determine if McClintock High School would rather have this tribute located at the McClintock High School campus or if they give their approval to place this tribute at the Tempe Beach Park.
- B.G. Jones will come back to a future board meeting after he follows up on the request to meet with the Tempe Union High School District.

Golf Update

Julie Hietter, Public Works Administrative Manager, presented information regarding the Golf Enterprise updates. Discussion highlights include:

- Julie Hietter distributed a document which contained information regarding YTD Golf Fund revenue as compared to target, revenue per round as compared to average cost to produce a round, and YTD green fees, cart revenue, range revenue, and number of rounds.
- Under the new business model, the city diversified the revenue sources beyond green fees and rent, to include green fees, cart fees, range fees and a recurring inter-fund transfer from the water fund. For the third consecutive year, the Golf Fund has exceeded its annual revenue goal.
- The project to convert the irrigation at rolling Hills Golf Course from potable water to raw water is underway. This project is being funded through a loan from the Water Fund and will be completed by fall 2015. Annual savings in water expenses is estimated at \$180,000 or 70% lower than the current amount. The loan repayments plus the post-irrigation project expense is projected to result in savings of over \$55,000 per year to the Golf Fund.

Sharon Doyle made a proposal to receive the golf update documents in the monthly packet but not necessarily have a presentation on it at the Board Meeting. Don Watkins made a suggestion that including the golf update in the packet quarterly instead of monthly would be acceptable. The rest of the board agreed with Don's suggestion, meaning the golf update will be included in the packet and presented at the meeting on a quarterly basis.

Ken McDonald Golf Course Clubhouse

- Fred Wood provided information regarding building a new Ken McDonald Golf Course Clubhouse. The Golf Committee did a study on building a new clubhouse twice in the last fifteen years; however both times the timing was bad because after approval the city went into a recession and ran out of money. The clubhouse is now 40-years old and will need to be replaced soon.
- One of the main problems at the Ken McDonald Golf Course Clubhouse is that the parking lot and the actual clubhouse are on opposite sides of the canal.
- Fred expressed his interest in having a public and private collaboration for a combined effort between the City and some other entity.

Pools Update

Kelly, Deputy Community Services Director-Recreation, addressed the pool systems as a whole. Discussion highlights include:

- Kiwanis Recreation Center has a year round indoor pool with a variety of functions and activities. This pool provides everything from waves, fitness activities, lessons and practices.
- Escalante is open in the summer months. This pool offers free swim, lap swim, junior guard training and rentals.
- Clark Park currently is filled and is a community garden as of now. There is no specific money budgeted for a new pool at Clark Park at this time, however in the future there could be a potential discussion regarding it.
- McClintock Pool was closed to public swim in 2010-2011 due to reductions in the budget. The funding source for the staffing was pulled out of the budget due to the overall reduction. The pool was originally built in 1964 and was remodeled in 1996. The Tempe School District currently uses the pool for swim activities. This is an older pool that needs attention. As examples, the plaster, decking, pumps and electrical systems need upgrading. Staff stated that some programs and activities were transferred from the McClintock Pool to the Kiwanis and Escalante Pool.
- Shelley Hearn stated that Council has requested a discussion about the McClintock pool in the future. A presentation would need to be brought to Council to explain what is currently included in the CIP budget.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm

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